ALASKA IN 1906

ITS WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT AND HOW IT IS BUILDING SEATTLE.

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LASKA BUILDING, Seattle,-1 write these notes in the heart of Alaska's great commercial metropolis, Seattle. in the Alaska Club, surrounded members from the Klondike, Cape Seward peninsula. Fairbanks, etchikan, Sitka and Juneau; and at y elboy is Mr. W. M. Sheffield, the cretary. Upon the walls are photographs showing all phases of life in our treasure land of the Arctic. Here is a picture of a railroad whose tracks nearer the pole than any other on lie nearer the pole than any other on earth, and there an automobile, filled with Eskimos, puffing along on the edge of Cape Nome. About the room are specimens of wild hay, Alaskan-grown vegetables, and on the table are grous nuggets of copper, silver and gold, locked up in glass cases. Before coming up I stepped in the Scandinabank, on the ground floor, to look at some gold which had just come in. It was brought out from the vaults by the cashier in a piain canvas bag of the same size as those which our Virginia boys use for chestnutting. It would hold, I judge, a peck, and it was half full of dust, grains, peas and great nurgets of gold. The cashier bent over as he carried it in and he asked me to

I managed, however, to get it upon the table. We untied the leather drawstring and picked out three nuggets-one worth \$2,500, another \$2,300 and a third \$1.800. Each had a bit of dirt here and there clinging to it, but, aside from this, was nothing but metal. The nuggets were soft and had worn some. that in carrying. Indeed, the cashier ald me that 60 cents' worth of gold is rubbed away every time the bag is nandled. The dust works its way into the cloth, and the bags are eventually burned and the gold saved when the stuff is sent to the mint.

lift it. I did so, and it doubled me up

I find these Alaskans enthusiastic over their mines. They talk big and their statements should be taken with a few grains of salt. They are claiming that Alaska will eventually profuce enough gold to pay our national debt, and that it will soon be turning out an annual product greater than that of Colorado. It is claimed that \$3,00,000 or \$10,000,000 worth has been mined within the past year and that the territory may at some time produce as much as three times this amount. According to the latest report of Un-Sam's assay office here in Seattle, it had taken in up to June 30, 1905, more than \$100,000,000 forth of gold. This was the total of the receipts since the open-ing of the office in 1898, and it weighed altegether 208 tons avoirdupois. Think Two hundred tons of solid old! A ton is a good wagon load for a wo-horse team, and it would take 200 such teams to drag that golden bur-den. Of the whole something like \$22. 650,000 of this has come from our own part of Alaska, whereas \$77,000,000 was aken from the Yukon and the British northwest. Not long ago Mr. Roberts, the head of the mint, estimated that alaska would be annually producing \$9,000,000 or \$10,000,000 worth of gold, and that Nome alone might yield that much in one year. Of course, a great deal of the gold goes to other mints; but it is estimated that fully 90 per cent of all mined in Alaska comes here

I have before me a photograph of 1,000 pounds of gold bricks which were made in the assay office of the Alaska Banking and Safe Deposit company. The Scandinavian bank had \$1,-688,880 worth of such bricks piled up behind its plate glass show windows not long ago, as a sort of advertise-ment. It was considered a rather dangerous experiment, and two detectives were stationed on either side of the wladow to keep back the crowd, while

be one was allowed close enough to break the glass and grab the gold.

The greater part of this gold is coming from Cape Nome. Of the above amount the assay office reports that almost \$18,000.000 have been sent in from that point, and I should not like to quote their claims for the future. According to the Alaska club men they are yanking the gold out of the beds of the streams as well as from all along the beach. Anvil creek has produced more than \$6,000,000 worth, and it is said that no one can predict as to its future until the benches have as to its future until the benches have been sluiced down and the tailings re-washed. Rich discoveries have been made along the base of Anvil mounmain, and a little over a year ago a man named Brown discovered a placer at its foot, the gravel from which yielded \$180 per pan. The wiseacres prophesied that that mine would turn prophesied that that mine would turn out something like \$1,00,000 worth of gold in one year. All about Cape None gold is being washed from the streams. A mining expert recently said that standing on Anvil mountain one could look on more placer gold values than from any other point in the world. There is a space there about six miles wide and nine miles long which is said to be one of the richest spots in northwestern Alaska.

Gold has been mined on the shores of the sea for a distance of 40 miles from Nome to the Sinuk river, and has been found to pay. The first successful beach digging was done about six years ago, when there was a great rush from the creeks, and in a short time 500 miners extracted \$2,000,000 worth of dust or an average of \$4,000 per man. Much of this gold was found in layers of ruby sand. It was fine, but not scale gold. The bed rock lay from four to eight feet below the surface, and good pay dirt was usually fround when it was received. surface, and good pay dirt was usually found when it was reached. A little later on all kinds of machinery were employed, and some men tried to get the gold out of the sands from beneath the sea water. Such attempts have usually failed.

THE SEWARD PENINSULA.

Seward peninsula is being peppered with mining companies. A great deal of the mining there is done by ditching, and there are several hundred miles of direct already dug, representing an investment of something like \$2,000.

50. These ditches are necessary to placer mining, the water being carried up and down hill, through from tipe and finally used for sluicing. A large taumber of ditch companies have been organized, each of which has its own mineral properties. I have before me a little book gotten out by the citizens of Name and Seward noninsula, which mentions the names of a number of the companies. I count 25 combinations most of them representing con-siderable carital. In addition quartz mines are new being opened, and also silter mines and mines of copper and

ORPORATIONS IN ALASKA. great deal of capital' is coming into Alaska from all parts of the United States. Nearly every big industry there is owned by a company represented by capital in other parts of the Union. There are more than 150 different cor-portations listed in the Almanac of the Alaska club here, covering every kind of investment from fish packing to fex-raising. There are numerous minfox-raising. There are numerous mining companies, trading companies and companies for opening up coal and petroleum properties. Many of the institutions are small, but others are backed by large capital. This is so with those owning the copper deposits, which are said to be in the hands of the Havemeyers and Rockefellers. The same parties who have copper interests in Montana and along Lake Superior have gotten hold of the mines in Alaska, and they are not anxious to have them developed until the market will

their investments in the United States

There is no doubt, however, but that there is an enormous amount of cop-per in Alaska. In the Commercial club here little bags of copper nuggets. ranging from the size of a pea to that of a man's fist, are shown. It is said that a nugget was recently discovered some distance back from the coast which weighed about six tons. If it were where it could be shipped it would be worth eight or nine hundred dollars, but as it is now it would not bring \$50 coasts. bring 800 cents. All this stuff is merely the off-scouring of the quartz mines, in which the real money is. The specimens shown came from along the Copper river, where, I am told, the ore carries from 30 to 70 per cent of pure metal and is far superior to that of the chief copper regions of the

Our government geologists have found copper in nearly all parts of Alaska, but the best prospects so far are in the Ketchikan district, Cook inlet district; at the head of the Duncan canal, in the Hetta inlet and in the Copper rises besieved. the Copper river basin. The latter oc-cupies an area as big as Washington state, and it will some day be shipping state, and it will some day be shipping copper all over the world. The Alaska Copper company is operating on the Hetta iniet. It has completed a 250-ton smelter, a water power plant and a 5,000 cable tram. Other claims are being developed in the same region by the Alaska Industrial company. the Alaska Industrial company.

A SEATTLE ASSET. Seattle acts as though it owned Alaska, and it is really making more profit out of it than any other part of the Union. This city took a jump when the gold regions were discovered. and it has had on its seven-league boots ever since. Every man who goes there pays his toll to Seattle, and every ton of goods consumed does likewise. A large part of the money from the mines is invested here, and, ceived more than \$25,000,000 of Alaskan gold in real estate purchases and in the natural profits of trade. Every dollar that is spent in the far west, whether in mines, railroads or trade, is reflected in business channels here, and the people are just as anxious to build up that country as their own state. The trade of Alaska is now worth some-



UP TO DATE ESKIMOS AT CAPE NOME

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steadily increases.

There are a number of steamship lines which connect the Puget sound region with the various Alaskan points. There are regular boats from Seattly to Juneau, Ketchikan, Haines Mission, Sitka and Skagway. There is one line to the Gulf of Alaska, which calls at Valdez and elsewhers, and another which goes up along the Alaskan pen-insula to Dutch harbor. A third com-pany connects Seattle with the Seward You can also go by to the Nome region, and there are rive

At the same time Uncle Sam is doing to Skagway, \$2; to Fairbanks, \$3.50; tall he can to better our communications. St. Michael, \$3.50, and to Nome, \$4. all he can to better our communicatelegraphs are under the United States signal service and there are a number

A TEMPERATE REGION. We usually look upon Alaska as all

have been started from hardy varieties brought in from Minnesota.

On Kadiak Island the climate is, I should say much like that of the Falkiands. A Scattle meat maker has several hundred head of cattle and sheep there, and they find their own food winter and summer. As to hay, it was raised last year as far north as the Forty Mile country, and a mowing machine was among the articles shipped there last season.

Near Wrangeil they have produced.

One of the most important of the rails. here last season.

Near Wrangeil they have produced cauliflower which weighed over 10 ounds, and an Irish potato which reighed more than seven pounds. All

The Alaskans say that the growth of signal service and there are a number of wireless stations by which messages can be flashed from one point to another. The head of the telegraph system is one of the ablest men in the government service. This is Maj. W. A. Glassford, who did excellent work as head of the signal corps in Porto Rico of the region is no colder than Washduring the war and later on in the Philippines. As it is now every prominent point in Alaska can be reached by wire.

The tate for 18 words to Sitka is \$1.50.

We usually look upon Alaska as all the various crops depends on the amount of sunshine, and claim that their damount of sunshine, and there are 1.800 men at work now in the amount of sunshine, and there are 1.800 men at work now in the amount of sunshine, and claim that their damount of sunshine, and claim their damount of sunshine, and there are 1.800 men at work now in the amount of sunshine, and claim their damount of sunshin

son Alaska, where they occasionally get old breezes from the Arctic, the morning seldom drope to zero, and tast the Tanam valley, which ends in the Tukon, there is a strip of band can the lowest temperature at Juneau about 60 miles wide and 300 miles long. It is beautifully timbered in some in the stations, and it expects is true of the valley of the Susitisa, i up a farm in the Copper river where potatoes, turnips, carrots and this summer, where it will carry cabbages are now grown with success, triments raising grain. The hay

One of the most important of the rails nuckleherries and blackberries. The a virgin country as big as all New sun puts in about eight hours' extra England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohlo, Indiana, and Illing's combined. This is a region of mines, timber, and it is said of agricultural possibilities. The road has already been built from

The Newest Effects in Summer Belts.

We have just received a splendid as-sortment of the prettiest belts you over saw. Included in the line are Silk, Kid, Elastic, Silver and Wash Belts. Two of the pretty conceits for the season are the Fritz Schneff and the Pearl

COLLARETTES-With jewel settings. Worth \$1.00 each. This 48c Center aisle back.

"The coolest store in town"

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DON'T BECOME CONFUSED ON OUR CLOSING DATE

IT'S NOT NEXT SATURDAY. IT BEGINS THE WEEK OF JULY 16TH.

Stationery Underpriced COLONIAL LINEN FABRIC, 50 envelopes and 60 sheets of paper. Worth 50c. Special 32c WILLIS LOWE'S FRESH VIOLET PERFUME. Worth 75c the 58c unce. Special AMERICUS TOILET SOAP. Three cakes in the box. Worth
10c the cake. Special, 2 boxes
for 25c or, the box. 15c

Toilet Articles and

A splendid innovation in robe selling.

A sale involving our entire collection of lace, embroidery and linen robes.

Included in this splendid assortment of robes are beautiful effects in Baby Irish, hand embroidered handkerchief linen, hand embroidered Irish linens and beautiful embroidery robes. It's the most superb collection ever brought to this city. A backward season forces us to make these unusual inducements.

The prices all include the making by Madam Stout. You pay scarcely more than the price of the robe itself and in some cases even less.

Also our splendid line of hand emcroidered French patterns at the same inducements.

All trimmings aside from those included with the robes and waists will be charged for. Also drop skirts and

Here's the way we do it. A chance you will readily appreciate.

All regular \$60.00 and \$65.00 robes, in All regular \$15.00 robes, including cluding making by Madam Stout making by Madame Stout All regular \$75,00 and \$100.00 robes, in- \$75.00 All \$25.00 to \$32.50 robes, including cluding making by Madam Stout

Our complete assortment of French hand embroidered waist patterns to go at the same inducements.

including making by \$15.00 including making by \$20.00 including making by Madam Stout \$25.00

A record breaking two days linen sale.

Every yard and piece of linen in our department will be tremendously reduced Monday and Tuesday to make two days of the greatest linen selling we ever experienced

Our stock contains only the best linens—No mercerized goods allowed in the department—All our Shamrock linens, made by John S. Brown and Sons and sold exclusively by us in this city are splendidly

800 beautiful sets of table linens reduced like this:

The stock comprises the following elegant patterns-Scroll and sprig, Lily of the Valley, Duke of Leinster, Roses-with Circular Centre, Floral, Conventional, Chrysanthemum, Fern and passion flower, Shamrock and SIZES 2 BY 21/2. SIZE 2 BY 3. SIZE 24 BY 24.

SIZE 2 1/2 BY 3.

400 odd pattern cloths to go at half prices.

2 to 5 yard lengths—Values range from \$5.00 to \$15.00 each—They go at \$2.50 to \$7.50 each—At this reduction we limit them 2 cloths to the customer.

Huck and damask linen towels. Hemmed and hemstitched.

 Regular 15c grade for
 11 15c

 Regular 25c grade for
 13 15c

 Regular 25c grade for
 25c

 Regular 25c grade for
 37 15c

 Regular 35c grade for
 37 15c

 Regular 75c grade for
 55c

 Regular 81.00 grade for
 75c

 Regular \$1.25 grade for
 85c
 All fancy linens are included in this sale at greatly reduced prices,

 18 inch Russia erash
 12½c kind
 9c

 20 inch Russia erash
 15c kind
 11c

 18 inch Barnsley
 15c kind
 11½c

 18 inch Irish Russia
 18c kind
 15c

 18 inch Irish Russia
 26c kind
 16 2-3c

 Pure linen table damask by the yard or bolt.

Pure linen crash towelings.

200 doz. odd napkins. 22 to 27 in. square.

\$100.00 hand made Cluny table cloths for \$50.00 each.

These are 72 by 72 and 90 by 90. Round and square. 20 AND 22-INCH EREAKFAST NAPKINS. Worth \$1.00 to \$2.65 the dozen, to go at, the dozen-

50c to \$1.59 HAND EMBROIDERED ALL-LINEN DRESSER Size 18 by 54. Worth \$2.00 22 by 32 square, to match, worth \$2,50, \$1.50

32 AND 28-INCH DAMASK LUNCH CLOTHS-Worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, to go at-

59c and 85c ALL-LINEN CENTRE BATTENBERG DRES-SER SCARFS-Size 19 by 54, worth \$3.00,

Women's hosiery and knit underwear.

Entire stock of beautiful silk hosiery for Summer wear at 20 per cent discount.

Including plain colors, all blacks and embroidered effects. Values range from \$1.50 to \$5.00 the pair. Monday and Tuesday you choose at 20 per cent off. WOMEN'S FANCY EMBROIDERED HOISERY.

Pure lisle. Best German goods. Worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 the pair. Monday and 89c Tuesday

WOMEN'S SILK AND WOMEN'S FINE LISLE COTTON MIXED VESTS AND PANTS. Vests long or short eleeved. Pants Crocheted or plain yoke.

\$5.50 to \$6.00 Children's dresses for \$3.95.

They come in the following shades, natural linen, green, blue and exblood. Made up in the Russian style with round collar, trimmed with braid and white pique. Also the Gretchen style belted and trimmed with embroidery. Sizes 6 to 14 years. A splendid sale.

Fine madras blouses for boys. Made with and without collars. Special haberdasher's designs. Exclusive patterns. Prices very reasonable, at 50c to \$1.25 each.

856 Genuine Rajah silk and pure 856 silk pongee at 85c the yard.

These two splendid fabrics are recognized \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities.

There are 20 pieces of the Rajah-30 inches wide.

Name stamped on selvage-the genuine article. Range of shades, navy, marine, national, light and Alice blues, reseda green, light and dark gray and old rose.

> The pongee is in two widths—27 and 36 inch. Automobile cloth and taffeta finish. Domestic and imported kinds.

Two of the season's most popular fabrics offered at this great reduction. \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities go at the one price 85c

A handsome showing of new Princess gowns

Made up in Persian Mulls, Organdies and Swisses. Trimmings of lace, insertion and hand embroidery. Short sleeves. Very fetching models. Priced very reasonable at \$20.00 up.

Splendid line of linen Bolero jacket suits. Handsomely trimmed with braids, Baby Irish and il. laces. Skirts are all prettily trimmed to match

Colors are pink, blue and white. Prices range from \$15.00 to \$25.00 each.

New line of white linen skirts.

A comprehensive display of the new styles, including the trimmed and pleated effects. Very swell models. Priced unusually low at \$2.50 to \$7.90 each,

From the "Men's corner." Monday and Tuesday

sale of men's belts. A splendid assortment, comprising 25c, 35c and 50c

E. and W. Collars, 25c each, 6 for \$1.40. NEAT WHITE AND PANCY WASHABLE VESTS

SPLENDID LINE OF SOFT NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, All the newest patterns and pretty neat, plain effects. Cuffs attached or detached. You'll find \$1.50 Arrow brand collars, 15c each, 2 for 25c.

Terry cloth bath robes 15 per cent off. A splendid new line of these. Just the weight for summer. This special in effect Monday and Tuesday only. Values range from \$4.00 to \$12.00 each.

Boston Garters, 25c Bull Dog Suspenders, 25e and 50c the pair. and 50c the pair. Splendid line of light, cool underwear for Summer All sizes. All styles. All prices.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 dressing sacques for 98c.

Also pretty Kimonas. Made of white lawns in four different styles. Slip over with short sleeves, trimmed with lace and insertion, also the high neck style with long sleeves. Another is the square neck with short sleeves, belt of braiding and ribbon.

Odd lines of silk dressing sacques at half regular price.

Some are plain, others trimmed with laces and rib-bons. Colors are pink, blue, lavender, Persian, etc. Values \$2.75 up to \$7.60 each. They go at half.